

Azerbaijan Nears Agreement with EU to Increase Energy Exports



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Good afternoon,

BGR represents the Republic of Azerbaijan. I wanted to bring your attention to [recent reports](#) that the European Union is close to a formal agreement with the Republic of Azerbaijan to facilitate European energy independence from Russia. In a draft memorandum of understanding, Azerbaijan intends to more than double energy exports to Europe through the Southern Gas Corridor, increasing from 8 billion cubic meters of gas annually to 20 billion cubic meters of gas annually by 2027.

These developments come as Azerbaijan has mobilized millions of dollars of humanitarian assistance for the people of Ukraine, and has opened state-controlled gas stations in Ukraine to emergency and security services free of charge. The U.S. has been deeply engaged with the Republic of Azerbaijan on ways to support European energy independence, to limit the malign leverage Russia has built over Europe's energy markets.

One of the only former-soviet and non-NATO states to rally significant assistance to Ukraine, Azerbaijan has received praise from Ukrainian President Zelenskyy, U.S. President Biden, and Secretary of State Blinken for its efforts to support the people of Ukraine and to counter Russia's malign influence.

Please let me know if you have any questions or would like to engage with the Embassy on Azerbaijan's efforts to support European energy independence.

All my best,
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